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NOTIFICATION

The Governor of Sikkim is hereby pleased to constitute a State Animal Welfare Board for Animal Welfare in the State of Sikkim under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (AH, LF&VS) and having the following members, with immediate effect.

1.	Hon'ble Minister (AH, LF&VS)	Chairman
2.	Mayor Gangtok Municipal Corporation	Member
3.	Chairman/Namchi Municipal Corporation	Member
4.	Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	Member
5.	PCCF-cum-Secretary, Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department	Member
6.	Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department	Member
7.	Secretary, Rural Management and Development Department	Member
8.	Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Livestock Fisheries & Veterinary Services	Member
9.	Chief Wildlife Warden, Forest Environment and Wildlife Management Department	Member
10.	Member of Animal Welfare Board of India	Member
11.	Chairman of SARAH Division	Member
12.	Representative of HCM's office	Member
13.	Representative of SSPCA/PETA	Member
14.	Representative of SARAH Division	Member
15.	Representative of Rotary/Lions Club	Member
16.	Director, Animal Husbandry, Livestock Fisheries & Veterinary Services	Member Secretary

I. The functions of the Board shall be as under:

- (1) To ensure that the provision for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 as enforced in Sikkim are implemented by the government properly and to undertake study of problems if any faced for effective implementation of such law from time to time;
- (2) To advice the Central Government in framing rules under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), with a view to preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals generally and more particularly when they are being transported from one place to another or when they are used as performing animals or when they are kept in captivity or confinement;

- (3) The Board shall suggest and formulate appropriate regulations on transportation and marketing of animals, pet animals and birds etc., on breeding and maintenance of laboratory, sports and performing animals, on controlling stray dog population and rabies, meat shops etc;
- (4) To advise the Government or any local authority or other person on improvements in the design of vehicles so as to lessen the burden on draught animals.
- (5) To take all such steps as the Board may think fit, for amelioration of animals by encouraging, or providing for, the construction of sheds, water-troughs and the like and by providing for Veterinary assistance to animals;
- (6) To advise the Government or any local authority or other person in the design of slaughter-houses or in connection with slaughter of animals so that unnecessary pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is eliminated in the pre-slaughter stages as far as possible, and animals are killed, wherever necessary, in as humane a manner as possible;
- (7) To take all such steps as the Board may think fit to ensure that unwanted animals are destroyed by local authorities, whenever it is necessary to do so, either instantaneously or after being rendered insensible to pain or suffering;
- (8) To encourage, by the grant of financial assistance or otherwise, the formation or establishment of pinjarapoles, rescue homes, animal shelters, sanctuaries and the like where animals and birds may find a shelter when they become old and useless or when they need protection;
- (9) To co-operate with, and co-ordinate the work of association or bodies established for the purpose of preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals or for the protection of animals and birds;
- (10) To give financial and other assistance to animal welfare organizations functioning in any local area or to encourage the formation of animal welfare organizations in local area, which shall work under the general supervision and guidance of the Board;
- (11) To advise the Government on matters relating to the medical care and attention which may be provided in animal hospitals and to give financial and other assistance to animal hospitals whenever the Board thinks it necessary to do so;
- (12) To impart education in relation to the humane treatment of animals and to encourage the formation of public opinion against the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering to animals and for the promotion of animal welfare by means of lectures, books, posters, cinematographic exhibitions and the like;
- (13) To advise the Government on any matter connected with animal welfare or the prevention of infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals.

II. Office of the Board, Term of office, etc.

- (1) The Office of the Board shall be located in the Office of the SARAH Division.
- (2) The term of the Board shall be three years from the date of its constitution.
- (3) The term of Office of the Ex-Officio Member shall continue so long as he holds the Office by virtue of which he is such a member.
- (4) The non-official members of the Board shall be entitled to TA/DA for attending the Board's meeting as admissible to Grade 1 Officers of the Government.

By Order and in the name of the Governor.

**T.T. Dorji, IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim.
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